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SUBJECT: ITU ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

IN CONVERSATION WITH O'NEILL (EB/TD) IN LATE JANUARY AND AGAIN DURING RECENT IMCO CONFERENCE, TOM MEYER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, SAID THAT SUBJECT OF SPECIAL DRAWING RIGHTS (SDR'S) WAS LIKELY TO BE RAISED IN ITU ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING IN JUNE.

IN SEPTEMBER 1974, SUB-COMMITTEE ON CURRENCY INSTABILITY OF UN COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS ASKED IMF WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR NATIONS TO USE SDR'S IN MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. WE UNDERSTAND IMF RESPONDED THAT SUCH PRACTICE NOT POSSIBLE UNDER IMF CHARTER. QUITE ASIDE FROM IMF NEGATIVE RESPONSE TO UN QUERY, IT IS CLEAR THAT MANY MEMBERS OF ITU ARE NOT MEMBERS OF IMF, E.G., USSR, CHINA, AND CONSEQUENTLY WOULD NOT HAVE ACCESS TO SDR'S.

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DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY DISCUSSING THE MATTER
WITH MEYER AND REPORTING SUBSTANCE OF HIS REMARKS AND
WHAT HE HAD IN MIND WHEN HE BRIEFLY RAISED SUBJECT WITH
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